

Good Will Ship to Take 300 Delegates and Fund to France

To Distribute Money for Rehabilitation of Regions Where Americans Fought.

The Good Will ship carrying delegates from all parts of the United States to the regions in France where American soldiers fought and died will sail for Europe late next summer, under the auspices of the American Committee for Devastated France. This announcement was made yesterday by the executive committee of which Miss Anne Morgan is chairman.

The Good Will delegation, consisting of 300 or more, will carry a substantial purse to France, the money to be used in work of rehabilitation in those sections where the American armies were most active. In this particular section the workers of the committee report that suffering, as a result of devastation, is still intense. The work will stand as a monument to the endeavors of the American army.

The proposed international demonstration and the work of the committee has received the hearty support of leading men and women both in the United States and in France. President Harding in a letter addressed to Miss Morgan, as chairman of the committee, said: "The strong ties of friendship which exist between France and the United States, aside from the real need which exists for the ministrations of your organization, make this effort one which lies close to the hearts of the American people and is deserving of their generous support."

"I am glad, therefore, in this way to add my word of instruction and commendation of the work in which you are engaged. France is entitled to the admiration of the world, and in addition to such practical assistance in her work of rehabilitation as is typified by your organization."

"I wish you every success in this final phase of the work which you are now undertaking."

The delegation will start probably in August and will be officially received by representatives of the French Government. It will make a tour of the devastated regions before returning. Methods for selecting members of the delegation, now being worked out at the headquarters of the committee, have not been perfected, but it is assured that the delegation will be selected from all walks of life in hundreds of American cities. Special arrangements have been made to defray the costs of the trip.

MR. AND MRS. WALLOP RETURN

Back From England, Where They Have Been Since Marriage.

Mr. Gerald Vernon Wallop and Mrs. Wallop, who was Miss Mary L. Post of New York, were among the passengers who returned from England by the Adriatic of the White Star Line. They will pass the holidays partly with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Kintzing Post of Woodmere, L. I., and his mother and father, the Hon. and Mrs. Oliver Henry Wallop of Big Horn, Sheridan county, Wyoming.

Mr. Wallop is second heir to the title and entails estates of the Earl of Portsmouth, who is the older brother of his father. The present Lord Portsmouth, who succeeded to the title in 1917 as seventh Earl, is unmarried. Mr. Wallop and Miss Post were married in the home of her parents on July 31, 1920. They went abroad soon after the wedding and since have lived at Hurlbourne Park, Whitechurch, Hants.

WITH THE SEAGOERS.

Panhandle State to Be Among First Ships Out After Christmas.

One of the first ships out after Christmas will be the Panhandle State, which leaves Tuesday for Plymouth, Boulogne and London. Her passengers from New York will include Captain Gibson Clarke, Harry Boland, Harold R. Buckley, Joseph B. Fitzgerald and Sean Noonan. From Washington will go Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Cawston, Henry Cane, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Milbury, F. J. McAndrew, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rose, George B. Howard and E. S. Sickle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. G. Gordon will return to London aboard the ship.

MESSRS. HOFFMAN HOSTS.

Messrs. Francis Burrall Hoffman, Jr., and Murray Hoffman were hosts yesterday afternoon at a reception in their new atelier at 147 East Fifty-first street. They had among their guests not only debutantes of this season but some of their married friends. Receiving with them were the Hon. and Mrs. Francis Burrall Hoffman. At the tea table were Mrs. George B. Post, Jr., Misses Katherine Mackay, Miriam Harriman and Violet Gordon King.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Mrs. Frank Cazenove Jones and Miss Mary S. Pondir will be at the Buckingham Hotel until they start South next month.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thaw 24, Mrs. Charles Pritchard and Mrs. Cordelia Biddle Duke had friends at the Knickerbocker Grill last evening for supper.

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FRENCH, ITALIAN AND GERMAN OPERA SUNG AT METROPOLITAN

'La Navarraise' and 'Pagliacci' Are Presented in the Afternoon and 'Tristan and Isolde' at Evening Performance.

By W. J. HENDERSON.

Three operas were given at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday. Two were presented before a good sized audience in the afternoon. These were "La Navarraise" and "Pagliacci," one French and one Italian. In the evening German music was glorified in Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde." Little that is new can be said about the performance of these works. In Leoncavallo's opera in the afternoon Giulio Crimi was to have impersonated the unhappy clown, Canio, but he was suffering from hoarseness and his place had to be taken by Aureliano Pertile.

This tenor's version of the tragedian in Pierrot costume differed from some others in the plenitude of its tears. No other Canio has wept so copiously nor so drowned the music in liquid soba. Mr. Pertile's countrymen seemed to be deeply affected by his passion of weeping. Mme. Florence Easton sang Nedda very well indeed, but the role is not entirely favorable to her. She is too admirable an artist to do anything badly, but she is better placed in some other operas. Mr. Danise appeared as the prologue and its appendage, Tonio. He sang well and received the meed of applause which follows the prologue wherever and however it goes.

Miss Farrar repeated her well planned and excellently executed impersonation of Anita in "La Navarraise." She was in good voice and continued the careful and effective style of singing which has brought her so much praise in the course of the present season. Her acting showed a decided gain in certainty and intensity. The other members of the cast were those previously heard in the opera.

In the evening Mme. Matzenauer sang Isolde, Miss Gordon, Brangäne; Mr. Sembach, Tristram; Mr. Whitehill, Klingsor; Mr. Gustafson, King Mark; and the minor singers the same roles as before. Mr. Bodansky conducted.

STRAUSS IN CONCERT WITH MISS GERHARDT

Composer Plays Accompaniments for Own Songs.

The second of "three intimate recitals" of songs by Richard Strauss, sung to the accompaniment of the composer, was given yesterday afternoon at Town Hall. The

singer was Miss Elena Gerhardt, mezzo soprano. Fifteen songs were in the list, including several of the master's most famous lyrics and others not so well known. There were also added numbers and repetitions.

The joint appearance of the two distinguished musicians stirred the large audience to an unusual degree of attention. Their performance called forth unusual enthusiasm. Mr. Strauss, indulging in the mood of the occasion—an intimate one—showed, as was to be expected, understanding of his own scores. He played the piano parts as a composer, if not the finished accompanist, and often with a pleasing ease and grace, which in certain songs he changed into dramatic effectiveness.

Miss Gerhardt, always an authority in the interpretation of German lieder, was frequently at her best in the composer's lyrics. She forced her fine voice at times and her breathing became labored. But on the whole she sang with rare intelligence, complete understanding of mood, finished phrasing and a faultless diction. Songs winning much favor were "Wie Solten wir gehn sie halten," and "Heimliche Aufforderung." The repeated songs were "Cacilie" and "Morgen." The other numbers—and each one in the list was a beautiful gem—were "Hutgesang—bleibst nicht dabei," "Gedanken," "Mein Aug," "Mein Kinde" and "Aubetung." The final recital will be given next Saturday.

CROWD AT BALL FOR SOLDIERS.

Proceeds of Dance for Dug Out to Be Distributed To-day.

Proceeds of a "lullaby ball" in the Hotel Lorraine last night will be distributed to-day to the disabled soldier beneficiaries of the Dug Out at the Dug Out's Christmas celebration to-day at 130 East Sixty-first street. The dance, which attracted a large and merry crowd, was under the direction of Mrs. Edward McKivik, chairman of the executive committee of the Dug Out, and Major Lorillard Spencer, its secretary, who to-day will impersonate Santa Claus. Among those who went to the ball were Mr. and Mrs. Eric S. Winston, Commandeur and Mrs. E. C. Houghton, Lieut. and Mrs. Byron Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Delavan and the Misses Genevieve Cawling, Nathalie Hanna and Gwendolyn King.

Rhea, Dancer, Wed in 'Little Church' to Musical Director

Becomes Bride of Joseph Mach, Jr., Who Was Childhood Sweetheart.

Miss Rhea McMurray, a dancer, known in vaudeville as Mlle. Rhea, was married yesterday afternoon at the Little Church Around the Corner, 1 West Twenty-ninth street, to Joseph Mach, Jr., her musical director. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. O. Hicks.

Miss McMurray was educated for classical dancing and spent five years in Petrograd, then St. Petersburg, returning to America after the war began. The bridegroom is a violinist and was educated in Prague. The two were childhood sweethearts in their former home, Kansas City.

About fifty friends of the couple, among them several former residents of Kansas City, attended the wedding. The bride's mother, Mrs. V. D. McMurray, entertained the couple with a wedding supper at the National Vaudeville Artists' Club in West Forty-sixth street, and they then left for a honeymoon trip to Atlantic City.

PLAN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN UPPER MANHATTAN

Civic Bodies Organize to Promote Series of Concerts.

The movement for an upper Manhattan music festival was discussed Friday night at a meeting of civic bodies of Harlem and Washington Heights in the rooms of the Harlem Board of Trade. A temporary association to further the project was organized with Albert Behning, head of the Behning Piano Company, at its head. The plan is to promote a series of high class concerts in a suitable auditorium, among which the Great Hall at City College was suggested.

Dan Noble, manager of the Asbury Park grand opera concerts, and Marie Kleckhoefer, director of the Cooper Union concerts, were among the speakers. Both thought the Harlem project was feasible, and said there was no question but it would be a success. Among those at the meeting were Dr. J. Gardner Smith, Francis W. Clinton, R. T. Luba of the Hotel Theresa, Dr. Michael C. O'Brien and Alexander Cunningham, president of University Forum.

\$1,000,000 ART GIFT TO BROOKLYN MUSEUM

Part of Herriman Collection Arrives From Rome.

Through the bequest of the late William H. Herriman of New York and Brooklyn, and formerly of Rome, Italy, the Brooklyn Museum will shortly receive the last shipment of a notable collection of paintings, bronzes and objects of Oriental art valued by some experts at \$1,000,000. Some of the objects are already at the museum, and the balance is expected to arrive within a week.

Mr. Herriman occupied a palace in Rome which had something of the character of a museum. Some of the art objects he left to the Academy in Rome, of which he was a patron, and the remainder came to the Brooklyn and Metropolitan museums, the Brooklyn Museum being the most favored beneficiary.

Among the items in the bequest are large groups of ancient Greek and Roman sculpture, including specimens of importance; rare statuettes and small medieval bronzes, old silver dating from the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries; sixteenth century Venetian vases, medieval and Renaissance furniture and Ivories and Oriental art objects. Among the paintings is an early Italian Madonna, a work by J. F. Millet and several by the American, Ellhu Vedder. The Vedders are already at the museum.

The Renaissance division of the decorative art department of the Brooklyn Museum will be greatly enriched by this bequest, and it is said in particular that the small medieval bronzes compare with those in the J. Pierpont Morgan collection.

VAUDEVILLE FOR CHILDREN.

Babe Ruth Helps Make 1,300 Happy at Benefit Matinee.

Thirteen hundred poor children were made happy at a special morning performance at the Prudential Fifth Avenue Theater yesterday. A Santa Claus came down a chimney and introduced Health Commissioner Copeland, who told the children how much better off they were than many saw in devastated France. A Christmas message from Mayor Hyland also was read from the stage. Then Babe Ruth looked in on the party and the kiddies gave to him a regular Polo Grounds welcome. He told them a few baseball stories to their intense delight.

The big programme included Alfred Goulet, winner of the six day race; Herman Timberg, Harry Green, Cunningham and Bennett, Kelly, Kirby and Crompton and a condensed version of "Young America."

GIRLS SING IN BELLEVUE.

Eight girls from Thrift House, a settlement house at 516 East Eighty-

ninth street under the direction of Mr. Henry W. Geiger, sang Christmas carols yesterday afternoon in several wards of Bellevue Hospital. Their music did much to cheer the patients. Joseph R. Truesdale and Mrs. William H. Tew of the hospital social service accompanied Mr. Geiger and the young singers on their rounds through the wards.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Orcutt, Miss Anna C. Orcutt, Brent G. Orcutt and Mrs. Brent Good arrived from New York to-day for a vacation of ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Jr., and Mr. William T. Carter of Philadelphia arrived to-day to remain over Christmas.

Arriving from Washington were Mr. Robertson Bliss, Third Assistant Secretary of State, and Mrs. Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lewisohn and Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Sampter of New York will arrive to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Lewis are entertaining for several friends during the holidays at their home here, The Meadows.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR 5,000 Hotel Employees

L. M. Boomer Arranges for Workers' Holiday Meal.

L. M. Boomer, director of the Waldorf-Astoria, McAlpin, Martinique, Claridge, Woodstock and Sherry's, will have more than 5,000 hotel employees and their families as his Christmas dinner guests to-day.

Several days ago he issued an invitation to all the hotel workers to have their holiday meal at the place where they work if they had not arranged for a home dinner. The acceptances indicate a series of very large gatherings at the hotels, where there will be music and other entertainment as well as dancing.

DISABLED OFFICER WINS PRIZE

Design for Keith Poster Gets \$100 Award.

Lieut. Ely M. Behar of 155 East Thirty-fourth street, a student in the Society of Illustrators' School for Dis-

abled Ex-Service Men in the Penn Terminal Building, won the first prize of \$100 in the E. F. Keith poster contest. E. F. Albee, president of the Keith circuit, drew a check for the amount and gave it to the winner in time for Christmas.

The committee of award considered several hundred designs for Keith billboard advertising, but were unanimous in awarding the prize to Lieut. Behar, who was a teacher of French in De Witt Clinton High School when the war broke out. He served as a Lieutenant in the Intelligence Department. Overseas his hearing became impaired in active service. He studied French poster work, and in competition for a French bond sale poster won first prize. This determined him to take up poster design for a career, as his deafness precluded him from teaching. Honorable mention went to Fred J. Plant and Charles H. Sheffer, disabled veterans in the same school.

TO GIVE POETRY READINGS.

Mrs. Waldo Richards will give poetry and story readings on the mornings of January 1 and 17 at the home of Mrs. Pierpont Morgan, 219 Madison avenue, and on January 24 and 31 at the home of Mrs. John Henry Hammond, 9 East Ninety-first street.

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